

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Congressman Costa announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has allocated \$115 million for the completion of the Mendota Federal Correctional Institution.

"Funding for this facility is long overdue," Costa said. "The completion of the Federal prison will help boost economic development in the City of Mendota."

Earlier this year, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Costa submitted a letter to the Department of Justice urging they allocate funding from the FY2007 Joint Resolution to complete the Mendota prison. Their letter was in response to rescissions made by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), which would have resulted in a two-thirds completed facility.

In May 2000, the BOP selected Mendota, California as a location for a medium security federal correctional institution. So far, the Bureau of Prisons has spent \$100 million to complete about 40 percent of the Mendota prison facility. Once completed, the facility will provide 1552 beds to help address overcrowding in the nation's federal prison system which is currently 37 percent over capacity.

Congressman Costa vowed to provide continued oversight until the completion of the facility.